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Subject: NOSB Pasture Guidance

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I am an organic dairy farmer milking 2300 cows producing organic milk for Humboldt Creamery in North

Consistent with the NOSB recommendations and consumer expectations, I as a dairy farmer enthusias

1. The pasture definition be refined that "pasture" is land managed to maintain or improve soil,
2. Organic dairy animals from 6 month of age and up, must consume no less than 30% of their
3. Stage of lactation is not a stage of production.

Pasture basic to what organic dairying is all about – using natural systems to produce healthy organic f

I urge the NOSB to adopt the Livestock Committee Pasture Recommendation and add the above speci

Sincerely,

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itically support the NOSB Livestock Committee Recommendation Pasture Requirements for the Nationa

water, and vegetative resources and to provide maximum feed value by growing suitable grasses and c
r daily dry matter intake from pasture for a minimum of 120 calendar days per year, with a maximum stor

ood for consumers. There is no more natural system for organic dairy cows than pasture. Pasture not c

ficity, making true access to pasture a reality.

l Organic Program dated February 1, 2005. A quantitative minimum pasture policy with measurable par

other forages from which graze plant mater still connected to its roots.

cking rate of three lactating dairy cows per acre.

only leads to healthy cows, but to a healthy environment and to milk with superior health qualities for our

Parameters need to be adopted by the NOP. Please include specific language that needs to say:

For consumers. Look at almost any reference generically describing organic milk and they have the same

basic message – organic milk comes from pastured cows. That's what consumers of organic dairy proc

ducts expect and that is what we as organic dairy producers must ensure they get.